

December 1, 2024

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

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1795 Columbia Avenue, Warrington, PA 18976



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) 8:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses 7:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
& 11:30 a.m.

Holy Day Masses 5:30 p.m. (eve of Holy Day)
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

(Christmas and New Year's have special schedules)

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MASS FOR SHUT-INS:

TV - Sunday, 5:30 a.m. WPVI Channel 6,
Daily & Sunday, 8:00 a.m. EWTN

BAPTISMS: Parents should make arrangements with the Pastor at least one month before the date wanted. Baptism is celebrated on the FIRST and THIRD Sundays of the month at 12:30 p.m. Preparation is held on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month, 7:30 PM, in Room 18 of the Church Building. Godparents must be practicing the faith and present a Letter of Eligibility from their parish. No date can be set for baptism until parents have fulfilled these responsibilities.

MATRIMONY: To set a date for a wedding, couples must make an appointment at the Rectory at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Weddings can be scheduled for most Saturdays, at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 p.m., or on Friday afternoons.

SICK CALLS: Phone the Rectory,
215-672-3020.

REGISTRATION: All Catholics who live within the parish boundaries should register. Boundaries: South of Street Road from Lower State Rd., to Norristown Rd., to County Line, to Blair Mill Rd., to Moreland Rd., to Maple Ave., to Horsham Rd., to Limekiln Pike, to Lower State Rd. & back to Street Road. If you are not registered, we cannot serve you in ways which require us to know you. Please call the Rectory (215-672-3020.) We will welcome you as part of our community of faith.

PARISH ACTIVITIES: Catholic Youth Organization, PREP (Parish Religious Education Program), Choir (Adult and Children's), Home & School Association, Men's Group, Miraculous Medal Novena and Rosary, Respect Life Committee, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. (Notices for these groups are posted inside this bulletin.)

St. Joseph's CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!

Sunday December 8th
Easton & County Line Roads
Warrington, PA 18976

Breakfast starts 8am
Bazaar 9:00am till 2:00pm



Join us for some Christmas FUN on
December 8th in the Church Hall. We'll
have lots of FOOD, VENDORS,
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50/50!!



From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

My Dear Parishioners,

I pray that everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving. I also hope that everyone has some new memories, good, warm, and funny memories, to be shared with future generations. This, of course, was my first Thanksgiving with you and will now become part of my own memories, good memories. Moreover, hopefully, this was just the first of many Thanksgivings together.

We are now in the Season of Advent and the beginning of a new Liturgical Year. The readings and themes of our Liturgies leading up to the end of the old Liturgical Year asked us to reflect on the “end:” the end of time and our own personal end. This was not to scare us, but to get us thinking and to help us always be ready for an end that could come without warning.

Oddly, the readings for this first week of Advent seem to continue this focus on the “end.” This is because there are two parts of Advent, and we are asked to reflect on two “comings” of Jesus.

Advent begins by asking us to continue to reflect Jesus’ Second Coming. Then Advent concludes by asking us to recall the beautiful gift that we received a little over 2,000 years ago, when Jesus was born for us at His first coming.

So, this weekend as we continue to reflect on the “end,” we hear Jesus say that “*people will die of fright*” because of the events to come. This is a rather scary thought, especially when we think of Advent as a preparation for Christmas.

Of course, when Jesus uses such strong language, it is to help us, not to hurt us. His strong language is actually a gift to us. He wants us to make use of all of the good gifts that He bestows on us so that we can *be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones*. Jesus gives us everything we need to be always in a state of Grace, so that we have no need to fear the future. This how much Jesus loves us.

Jesus wants us to confidently join with the Psalmist of this week and exclaim *all the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction*.

I would like to thank everyone who helps to coordinate our Giving Tree and everyone who has supported the Giving Tree in the Past and is able to do so again this year. Many families have a truly Merry Christmas because of our generous giving to our Giving Tree.

As we all prepare for this exciting time, let us do so together, in hope. Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever!

St. Joseph, Patron of the Church, and our Patron, pray for us!

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor

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Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Nov. 30</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	Ray & Clara Young
Sunday	<u>Dec. 1</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:30 a.m.	Grace Mattera
	11:30 a.m.	Sean & Michael Sharkey
Monday	8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph Memorial Soc.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Janet Nolan
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Adeline McNulty
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Raymond Generale
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Dale Cain
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Joe Pugnetti
	<u>Dec. 7</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	Carolyn E. Ford
Sunday	<u>Dec. 8</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:30 a.m.	Harry Cappa
	11:30 a.m.	Mary Ann Dowzicky

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:

Paula Bielecki, Donna Cunningham, Valerie Fidler, Paul Han, Dolores Krysztopowicz, Irene Lennon, Patricia McCloskey, Dave McKay, Art McLaughlin, John Merritt, Moira Merritt, Gertrude Nelson, Sarah Rank, Joseph Ranweiler, Gino, Theresa, Dean, & Rick Romaniello, Clare Smith, William Sparke, Stanley Travis, III, Patricia True, Jack Wilhelm, Joan Winterborne, John Zerbe.

Let us Remember and Pray for Our Dead

Julia Reese

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, December 2

*Adoration – 8:30 am

*Rosary & Benediction - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, December 3

*Rosary/Communion Service – Christ Home - 2:00 pm

Wednesday, December 4

*Rosary/Communion Service – Luther Woods – 1:30 pm

*Children’s Choir Practice – 5:30 – 6:45 pm

*Adult Choir Practice – 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Thursday, December 5

*Charismatic Prayer Group – 7:00 pm-Church Hall

Bulletin Submittals

Email requests to sjc18976@verizon.net. All requests are subject to Pastor’s approval and space availability.

Readings for The Week

Mon: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tues: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wed: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Thurs: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sun: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

An Advent Examination of Conscience

I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

I will delight and rejoice in you. (Ps 9:2-3)

- Am I loving and serving God with my heart, mind, and strength? Or have I become the slave of something else? What is that other thing? How can I change this situation?
- Have I given priority to God on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation by attending Mass and making a special effort to seek a stronger relationship with Christ and His Church?
- When at Mass have I actively participated in true worship of God? Do I pray, sing and pay attention?
- Do I appreciate the great gift of the Eucharist and the many other treasures of my Catholic faith? Do I prepare to receive Holy Communion worthily?
- Do I give Jesus Christ a say in the way I spend my time, money, and other resources? Am I using these gifts to build His kingdom? Have I supported my local parish and its ministries and work?
- Do I show respect for God's holy name and for all that is holy. Do I curse or swear? Have I spoken badly about God's holy Church, its beliefs and priests?

*Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction,
persevere in prayer. (Rom 12:12)*

- Have I been faithful to prayer, meditation and Scripture reading, opening myself to God's love and direction every day?
- Do I seek to grow in knowledge of Christian faith through study and prayerful meditation? Have I sought to form my conscience according to the teachings of the Gospel and the Church?
- Do I pray regularly for others, our beloved dead, the needs of the church and the world?
- Have I allowed myself to slide into sinful habits out of boredom, inattention, laziness, or frustration? Am I praying and working to break the power of these habits?
- What trials and difficulties are causing me the most pain right now? Am I keeping faith and trusting in God and his promises?

To practice justice is a joy for the just. (Prov 21:15)

- How am I working for the coming of Christ's kingdom of justice and peace?

- Is God calling me to take a stand against some particular injustice? Have I sought His guidance about how to respond to the many challenges and issues of our modern society?
- Am I helping to build a world where human life is valued and respected through all stages of life? Have I defended the rights of the unborn, the old and the disabled in my speech, my actions or my participation in the democratic process?
- Have I stolen anything or cheated on my income taxes? Do I need to make restitution for such acts?
- How have I helped care for the poor, less fortunate, sick, and suffering? Have I readily shared with those in need from the many blessings that God has given me?
*Complete my joy by being of the same mind,
with the same love, united in heart. (Phil 2:2)*
- How am I doing in my relationships with the people God is calling me to love and serve; family members, friends, coworkers, neighbors, fellow parishioners? Am I treating them with respect and compassion?
- Have I encouraged, either actively or through my silence, another to sin? Am I living up to my Christian responsibility to help others whom I know are in sinful relationships or addicted to sinful habits?
- Are there ways in which my words, attitudes, or actions have caused disunity in my relationships? Have I gossiped and hurt the good name and reputations of others. Why do I do this? What restitution have I made in such circumstances?
- Have I always spoken the truth? Have I kept secrets and promises? Have I divulged the hidden sins of others?
- Am I harboring any anger, resentment, hatred or prejudice against someone? Is there anyone I need to forgive? Is there anyone whose forgiveness I need to ask?
- If I am married, how am I working at loving and supporting my spouse and building my marriage? As a parent, do I give good example and direction to my children in Christian living?

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you...?

Therefore, glorify God in your body. (1Cor 6:19-20)

- Do I treat my body with respect, or have I abused it through the willful misuse of drugs, alcohol, or food?
- Do I work too much that I neglect my family, my health and my responsibilities to the community?
- Am I following Christ's teachings on sexual morality? Do I indulge in lustful thoughts and sexual fantasies? Have I committed sins of impurity? Have I looked at pictures, the internet, movies or magazines that lack respect for the human body and the gift of human sexuality?
- Have I opened myself to unhealthy media and societal influences that influence the way I think, the words I use, or the choices I make?

Christmas Bazaar and Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 8th. Breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m.

Bazaar 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Join us for breakfast and stay for the Christmas Bazaar with vendors, crafters, music, Santa, food, plenty of GREAT raffle baskets, and 50/50.

We are now accepting new unused items for the Christmas Bazaar Raffle Baskets. Please leave your items on the table across from room 18. We appreciate it! Also, if you wish to donate a gift card, please leave them at the rectory.



Christmas Concert

St. Joseph's Christmas Concert! **Friday, December 13th @ 7:00 p.m.** in the church hall. Bill Monaghan and company will provide some great Worship as well as all-time favorite Christmas music. Refreshments will be served.



Monthly Food Drive



Next weekend, **December 7th & 8th** we will be collecting items for the Food Bank. Non-perishables only. **No expired food please.** Foods currently requested at this time include: Beef Stew, Canned Chicken Breast, Chili, Sloppy Joe Mix, Jelly, Ravioli, Syrup, Saltines, Taco Shells, Salsa. Non Food

items: Store Gift Cards, Laundry Detergent (liquid or pods), Household Cleaning Supplies, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Oral Care, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, and **gently used grocery size paper bags**. The Warminster Food Bank thanks you for your generous donation of **1,085 pounds** collected in November!



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	2024	2023
	November 17	November 19
Envelopes	\$ 6,733.00	\$ 5,025.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,831.52	\$ 2,382.51
Total	\$ 8,564.52	\$ 7,407.51

Thank You

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Music Ministry

We are looking for more singers and instrumentalists for Christmas!!! If anyone- adults, teens or children would like to sing or play an instrument for one of the Christmas masses, please email Maria Lennon at mariaalennon@gmail.com or call the rectory and leave a message for Mrs. Maria Lennon.

Adult Choir

December 15th -11:30 am

December 25th - 9:30 am mass

(Christmas carols begin at 9:00 am)

Youth/Children Choir

December 8th - 11:30 am

December 24th - 4:00 pm mass

(Christmas music begins at 3:30 pm)

Contemporary Group

December 1st - 11:30 am mass

February 16th -11:30 am mass



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March 11, 2025

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Gifts of the Holy Spirit



SCAN ME

Essay Submission Deadline:
December 15, 2024

To receive a FULL Scholarship to CYSC

Choose a gift of the Holy Spirit and give an example of how this gift has changed or could change your life

The essay should be **3-5 paragraphs** in length (min 500 words)

May be typed or neatly handwritten

The winner/parents will be notified via email or phone after the submission deadline

Thanksgiving is a fitting time to pause and reflect on the many blessings we enjoy as a community. At SJR, we are especially grateful for the incredible support we receive from our parishes, which makes the gift of Catholic education possible. Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and belief in our mission.

We are also thankful for our dedicated Home and School Association, whose tireless efforts enrich the lives of our students and foster a strong sense of community. Their work ensures strong relationships that make our school thrive.

Our gratitude extends to our wonderful faculty and staff, who go above and beyond each day to provide a caring, faith-filled environment where our students grow academically, spiritually, and socially. Their passion and dedication make SJR a truly special place. Additionally, we are blessed with supportive families who entrust us with their children's education and formation in faith. This partnership and commitment are vital to our shared success.

This Thanksgiving, I gave thanks for the blessings God has bestowed upon our school community. From all of us at SJR, we hope you and your loved ones had a joyous and peaceful Thanksgiving!

Gratefully,
 Mrs. Durkin



Those who do not wish to apply for the scholarship or who do not get selected can register before the January 25 deadline at:

<https://www.damascus.net/catholic-youth-summer-camp>

St. Joseph/St. Robert School does not discriminate in admissions or hiring based on race, color, religious creed, disability, ancestry, national origin, age or sex."

Parish Registration

New parishioners are always welcome!
Call the Parish Office Monday – Thursday to register. Help us keep our records updated by notifying us if you are moving from the Parish or have changed your address, phone number, email address, etc., at 215-672-3020 or sjc18976@verizon.net.

Safe Environment Program

All people who **volunteer** for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are **required** to fulfill the following obligations:
CLEARANCES:

PA State Police Criminal Record Check

<https://epatch.pa.gov/home>

PA Dept. of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Ck.

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us>

Federal History Fingerprint Clearance*

<https://uenroll.identogo.com>

***ONLY if you lived outside of PA within the last 10 years**

Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers

CLEARANCES MUST BE RENEWED EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS

Visit with Our Lady of Guadalupe

“The Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe” is brought to your home by a parishioner on Sunday. Our Lady wants to come and visit with you in a personal way for a whole week. Welcome her with love and gratitude. Gather each day to pray, speak to her about your concerns. Empty your heart out to her then in silence let her fill it with her maternal love, guidance and graces she obtains for you. Let her renew you in the spirit of her Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior. Then on the following Sunday the picture of “Our Lady of Guadalupe” will be picked up and continue on to her next family visit. To schedule a visit call Kathie Zajkowski @ 484-925-8080.

Stay Informed at St. Joseph Parish



Stay Informed! We have adopted a new way of communicating with you. **Evangelus** is the communication system for our parish. Visit eva.us/carpenter to sign-up. You can also follow us on Social media and download our parish app as well.

Reminder

Please remember to make all checks for the Special and Second Collections payable to **St. Joseph Church**, not the individual charity. All donations received are then forwarded to the appropriate organization.

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- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish's zip code 18976 then click on St. Joseph
- Enter your name and your email address

That's it! You're in. Now you can get the free FORMED app for your phone by searching *FORMED Catholic* in your app store.

St. Joseph On-Line Giving

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at www.saintjosephchurch.us
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